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COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION

1. (previously presented) A process for preparing compounds of the general formula I

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{A} \xrightarrow{B} \xrightarrow{D} Mg - X \tag{I}$$

which comprises reacting compounds of the general formula II

$$R^{1} \xrightarrow{A} \xrightarrow{B} \xrightarrow{D} X_{A}$$
 (II)

with compounds of the formula R⁴MgX (III) at temperatures below 0°C, where the substituents and variables in the formulae, I, II and III have the following meanings:

wherein Z is 0 or 1

wherein X is halogen or R²

wherein X^a is Br, or I

wherein A, B, D and E

independently of one another are CH, CR^2 , N, P or CR^3 wherein F is O, S, NR^6 , CR^2 , or CR^3 when z=0, or CH, CR^2 , N, P or CR^3 when z=1, wherein two adjacent variables A, B, D, E or F together optionally form another substituted or unsubstituted aromatic saturated or partially saturated ring which has 5 to 8 atoms in the ring and which may contain one or more heteroatoms

such as O, N, S, P, and not more than three of the variables, A, B, D, E or F being a heteroatom,

wherein R¹ is COOR², CN, CONR³R^{3'}, or Halogen

wherein R^2 is substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl, or R^5 ,

wherein R^3 is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched $-OC_1-C_{10}-alkyl, -OC_3-C_{10}-cycloalkyl, -OC_1-C_4-alkylaryl, -OC_1-C_4-alkylhetaryl, \\ R^3 \ or \ R^5.$

wherein R^3 is hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl, C_3 - C_{10} -cycloalkyl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylaryl, C_1 - C_4 -alkylhetaryl, or R^5 , wherein R^4 is substituted or unsubstituted, branced or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl,

 $C_3\text{-}C_{10}\text{-}\text{cycloalkyl},\ C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}\text{alkylaryl},\ C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}\text{alkylhetaryl},\ or\ halogen,$ wherein R^5 is a solid support,

wherein R^6 is substitued or unsubstituted, branched or unbranched C_1 - C_{10} -alkyl,

 $C_3\text{-}C_{10}\text{-}\text{cycloalkyl},\ C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}\text{alkylaryl},\ C_1\text{-}C_4\text{-}\text{alkylhetaryl},\ \text{substituted}\ \text{or}$ unsubstituted, branched or unbranched -(C=O)-C $_1$ -C $_{10}$ -alkyl, -(C=O)-C $_3$ -C $_{10}$ -cycloalkyl, -(C=O)-C $_1$ -C $_4$ -alkylaryl, -(C=O)-C $_1$ -C $_4$ -alkylhetaryl or -SO $_2$ -aryl

where the process is caried out on a solid support (R5).

(original) A process as claimed in claim 1, which is carried out in an inert aprotic solvent. BOYMOND et al., Serial No. 09/647,069

- 3. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, which is carried out at temperatures below -15°C.
- 4. (previously presented) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the reaction to give compounds of the formula I as set forth in claim 1 is complete within 10 hours.5-8 (canceled).